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DETAILED ACTION

1. Applicants' Reply Brief filed on 9/7/01 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

REMARKS:

In response to the appellants' contest that amended claim 58 fully incorporated all limitations of the base claim and intervening claims: Claim 58 is a dependent of claim 54 which in turn a dependent of claim 49. See claim 58 in paper #2 and the Brief's appendix. The appellants are in error copying all the limitations of claims 49 and 54 into claim 57 instead of into claim 58.

In response to the arguments regarding the rejection of claims 37-45, 47-57, 59-69, and 71-72, it is believed that the arguments have been fully discussed in the 7/18/01 Examiner's Answer and no further response is deemed necessary.

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